Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Tim Kessler was first appointed as the Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P) Commissioner in 1992, and served continuously in that capacity until May 31, 2004; and,

Whereas, Tim served as Chairman of the Commission from 1994 through 2003; and,

Whereas, Tim's career as a commissioner and chairman, although cut short in his mind by his premature replacement, are believed to be the longest terms ever served by a commissioner and chairman in the history of GF&P; and,

Whereas, Tim has donated generous amounts of his time, motor home gas, tiger meat, rib-eye steaks, and fine refreshments to the business activities and social well-being of the GF&P commission; and,

Whereas, Tim's strong interest and tremendous insight into the wildlife resources and outdoor recreational activities of not only South Dakota, but the nation as a whole, have been instrumental in numerous commission decisions that will forever impact the long-term sustainability and enjoyment of our state's wildlife and recreational resources; and,

Whereas, Tim has dedicated his career as commissioner to not only showing up at meetings, which he rarely missed, but also to studying issues, visiting with the people who would be affected by commission actions, communicating with appropriate staff, and otherwise engaging himself totally in the issues and decisions confronted by the commission; and,

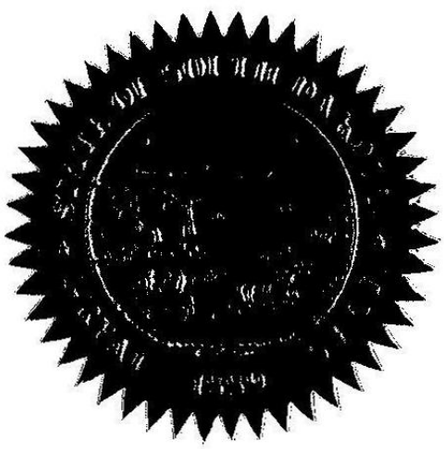
Whereas, His fellow commissioners, GF&P staff, and all the people of South Dakota who have benefited from Tim's exemplary service as a GF&P commissioner are grateful for Tim's contribution to our state, to our wildlife and recreational resources, and to their personal well-being, and will truly miss Tim's unique brand of "flag pole diplomacy"; and,

Whereas, Fellow commissioners and GF&P staff will host a dinner in Tim's honor June 3, 2004, to thank him for his years of service:

Now, Therefore, **I, M. Michael Rounds**, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2004, as

TIM KESSLER DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State